

2017 Nutmeg Book Award ~~ Grades 7 and 8 Nominees

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Endangered

by Eliot Schrefer

When Sophie visits her mother at a sanctuary in the Congo, she develops a deep connection to Otto, an infant bonobo. When an armed revolution breaks out, they are caught in the center of a lethal conflict, and Sophie and Otto escape into the jungle to survive.



Far Far Away

By Tom McNeal

Jeremy hears the voice of the ghost of Jacob Grimm, one half of The Brothers Grimm. Jacob watches over Jeremy, protecting him from a dark evil whispered about in the space between this world and the next. As anyone familiar with the Brothers Grimm knows, not all fairy tales have happy endings.



The Iron Trial

By Holly Black

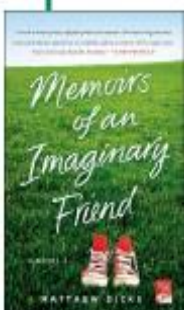
Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail. All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. So he tries his best to do his worst -- and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him. The Iron Trial is just the beginning. The biggest test is still to come.



The Mark of the Dragonfly

By Jaleigh Johnson

Piper has never seen the Mark of the Dragonfly until she finds a girl amid the wreckage of a caravan in the Meteor Fields. The girl doesn't remember a thing about her life, but the intricate tattoo on her arm is proof that she's from the Dragonfly Territories and that she's protected by the king. Which means Piper can get a reward if she can get the girl home.



Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend

By Mathew Dicks

Some people say that Max has Asperger's, but most just say he's "on the spectrum." None of this matters to Budo, who loves Max and is charged with protecting him from the class bully. But he can't protect Max from Mrs. Patterson, who believes that she alone is qualified to care for this young boy.

Night Gardener

By Jonathan Auxier

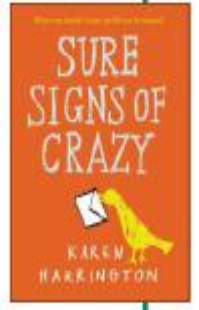
Irish orphans Molly and Kip travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite as it seems. The siblings are confronted by a menacing stranger and the spine-tingling secrets of the cursed house begin to unfold.



Sure Signs of Crazy

By Kevin Harrington

You've never met anyone exactly like twelve-year-old Sarah Nelson. She collects trouble words in her diary. Her best friend is a plant. But when Sarah launches an investigation into her family's Big Secret her "typical boring Sarah Nelson summer," might just turn out to be extraordinary.



Swagger

By Carl Deuker

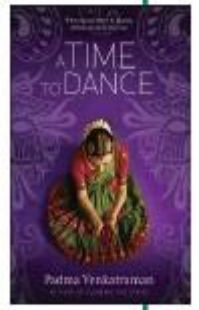
In this YA novel, Jonas and Levi bond over basketball and the chance to be state champions. Jonas even has a shot of getting a basketball scholarship to college. But when Levi tells Jonas that the coach has been abusing him, Jonas has to decide whether he should risk his career to report the coach.



A Time To Dance

By Padma Venkatraman

Veda is an aspiring classical dancer in India. After a devastating accident leaves her with a prosthetic leg, her hopes and dreams of dancing are shattered and Veda is forced to start over. Will she ever dance again?



Turn Left At The Cow

By Lisa Bullard

Thirteen-year-old Trav discovers his dead-before-he-was-born dad was involved in a bank robbery right before he mysteriously disappeared. And the loot was never found. Along with the kids next door, Trav embarks on a search for the cash. Their adventure turns dangerous when it becomes clear that someone else is looking for the money—someone who won't give up without a fight!

